

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE



Vol 3 No. 9

June 1, 1996

The SHELTON CHRONICLE is published twice a month by the office of Public Relations and Alumni Affairs, (205) 391-2221.

EDITORIAL

By Lucy Kubiszyn

This spring I've been privileged to attend four graduation services representing various levels of education. All were important and impressive in their own way. However, to me, the most meaningful graduation service I attended was the annual GED graduation which was held recently on the Skyland Campus.

For as long as I've been with the college, GED graduation has always been held at this location. Each year 250-300 people crowd into our makeshift auditorium on a Sunday afternoon. Most of the graduates are still dressed from Sunday church services. They bring with them their children and their grandchildren as well as their

hopes and dreams. For these graduates and their families, it is the happiest of times.

Especially touching this year was a man and a young boy who sat together on the front row of the auditorium during the service. The young boy held the man's hand tightly, and with his other hand, he clutched a bouquet of slightly-wilted flowers. It was obvious the two were there to see a particular graduate, and I became engrossed in watching them. Almost all of the graduates had crossed the stage and I began to wonder if perhaps I had been wrong, or if something had happened to their "special" graduate.

Just then a young woman, probably in her mid-30s, walked across the stage to receive her diploma. Pride of her accomplishments was written across the faces of the two men waiting for her. As she stepped down from the stage, the young boy stepped forward, hugged

the women, who I now had determined to be his mother, and proudly gave her the bouquet of flowers!

As Shelton moves to our new campus, we are indeed entering a new time. We are a new college and it is a new world. However, as we make the changes necessary to meet the challenges of the next century, it is important for us not to forget the values Shelton State Community College has stood for through these many years. We have strong roots which need to be transplanted in this new soil. It's important we never forget "from whence we came."

Many of our most outstanding graduates entered Shelton originally with their GED. Shelton is the last hope for many of these people as well as others in the West Alabama area. Thousands of people have walked through our doors in the past.

During GED graduation that afternoon, I was reminded of Shelton's old theme which we used for many years, the one that dates back to the early 1980s. "Shelton State - Your Start to a Brighter Future." This theme was true then. It still is today!

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thirty-two college employees have accepted the early retirement incentive which was offered statewide. Some have already left; others will leave for new challenges by the end of August. All will be missed. A reception honoring these valued employees and friends will be held this summer.

Those leaving Shelton as part of the retirement program are: Elizabeth Bailey; Julie Bailey; James Blackmon; Katherine Burkhalter; Muriel Campbell; Chester Fredd; Euradell Fredd; S.N. Gaines; Willie Marie Gray; William Hogue; James Hunter; Hugh Kynard; Judy Materson; Richard McCracken; Ruby Miller; Kaye Mitchell; Jack Moore; Margie Moore; Johnny Morrow; Union Morrow; Robert Nix; Dorothy Pickard; Roberthea Portis; Margaret Rice; Yvonne Rodgers; Leslie Rogers; Ronnie Rose; Peggy Sexton; Patsy Tant; Al Wyatt; Maurice Wyatt; and Bobby Wyatt.

FACES 'N PLACES

* The traditional professor-lecture-chalkboard teaching approach is disappearing in

college physics classrooms and is being replaced by active learning strategies using microcomputers and video technology. Shelton State physics instructor **CHUEN-CHUEN FANG** recently attended the workshop, "Constructing and Integrating Microcomputer Simulations in Introductory College-Level Physics Courses," which was sponsored by Joliet Junior College (Illinois), Lee College (Texas), and the National Science Foundation. Twenty college physics educators representing 12 states were invited to attend. Participants were divided into six groups to design and create actual physics simulations such as pendulums, rockets, harmonic oscillators, etc.

*Recent staff changes have taken place over the past few weeks. **RONDA SHIRLEY** has transferred to the public relations office, and **CINDY HARRELL** has joined the office of process improvement and the institutional research office. **CARLA WALKER** is now working in the institutional advancement office.

*Shelton student **MARLA DAWN CLARKE** was

recently awarded an Excellence in Leadership Scholarship to Troy State University for the 1996-97 year. This scholarship is given by Troy State in recognition of potential leaders across the state of Alabama.

*Shelton instructors **FRAN TURNER** and **PAM DAVIS** recently published an article in the spring edition of the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION NEWSLETTER. The two teachers wrote about the benefits of using practice tests in developmental English courses. With the publication of this latest article, Shelton leads the state in submissions to the newsletter and is the only institution to have four articles published. Ms. Davis, Ms. Turner, and Dr. Jim Jolly have had articles published previously.

SHELTON TO HOLD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS AUDITIONS

Final auditions for Performing Arts scholarships to Shelton State Community College for the 1996 Fall semester

will be held on Tuesday, June 25. A few remaining scholarships are available for positions in the Shelton Singers, the Shelton Jazz Ensemble, and the Shelton Brass Ensemble.

Auditions are by appointment, and students who are interested in auditioning must fill out an application form and return it prior to the audition date. Applications may be obtained in the counseling center located on the Skyland Campus.

Students planning on auditioning should come prepared to perform two solo compositions. For additional information, contact Syble Coats, ext. 2270.

TQM UPDATE

Red shirts? Who wears red shirts, works hard as a team, shows a lot enthusiasm, makes a lot of noise, scores a lot of points, and was #1? No, it's not the Crimson Tide or the U.A. red shirt freshmen. It's Systems Improvement Team #1: Educational Programs and Services. Team 1 was the first SI team to be formed. Members are: Don Bell; Betty Brown; Essie Dubose; Brad Moore; Tim Moore; Brenda Ryan; Kim Inman Smith; Shirley Spencer; and Bill Stringfellow.

During the recent TEAMSpirit rally, SI Team 1 members wore red shirts to demonstrate their teamspirit and solidarity. They even brought party horns to celebrate the occasion. Team 1 is a "pilot team" whose responsibility will be to evaluate the use of the new Process Improvement Form (PIF). The team is expected to charter the first process improvement team soon. A lively and enthusiastic group who some call "The Red Shirts," this team is literally a team "On fire" with quality.

Cooking with Quality

The TQM faculty training group that graduated in May has published a cookbook with all their favorite recipes of 'goodies' they enjoyed during their TQM training. Group members include: Rosemary Blethen; Glinda Blackshear; Rex Heacock; Don Speed; Lee Albritton; Linda Baggett; Sharon Deck; Camille Cochran; Michael Aaron; Wade Cooper; Sharon Vincent; Ric Dice; Sara Brenizer; Danna Northam; Diane Layton; Dave Sandy; Joyce Robinson; Kathleen Sweeney, and Carol Mapp.

Glinda Blackshear has written a song for the group that is sung to the tune of "Rock of Ages." The lyrics are as follows

TQM at Shelton State

Gives us hope, makes us feel great

Where we used to rant and steam

Now we form an SI team

It will soon be clear to see

We are all true quality.

TQM is such a treat

As we share and as we eat

Once we gossiped and got miffed

Now we simply write a PIF

It can start with you and me

We'll be total quality.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SHELTON'S WILD WILD WEST ALABAMA PARTY ON JULY 20. The event will be held on the new campus from 4-7 p.m. Bring the entire family and support Shelton and the new Alumni Association!

By the way, you don't have to be an alumnus to help with the event. If you would like to be a part of this exciting party, contact the alumni office, ext. 2221.

THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Alumni Council Meeting
6 p.m. New Campus

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Drop and Add
Skyland Campus
1-4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Media Appreciation Day
10 a.m. New Campus

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Asset Test and Orientation to
College. Please check with
Counseling center for times.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Orientation to College
11 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Coffee Grounding
7:30- 8:30 a.m.
C.A. Fredd Campus

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Shelton State Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
New Campus

TOUR: 11 A.M.

MEETING 12 NOON

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

Asset Test 5:30 p.m.
Skyland Campus

MONDAY, JUNE 24

Asset Test 9 a.m.
Skyland Campus

SPECIAL CLASS FOR TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

On Monday, June 17, Shelton will host a three-hour class for truck driver training instructors and supervisors. The class, which will be taught by Tommy Black from the University of Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, will focus on helping instructors comply with the law requiring people designated to supervise drivers to have at least 60 minutes of training on alcohol misuse and an additional 60 minutes of training on controlled substance use. Representatives from the truck driving training programs at Reid State, Bishops State, Bevill State, and Patterson State will attend. Representatives from Shelton's athletic and transportation departments are also scheduled to attend.

ATTENTION!

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY No. 500-1

Effective April 29, 1996

*Coverage: All employees
at the new campus*

DEFINITIONS: Windows,
doors, walls, ceilings,
floors

POLICY STATEMENT:

*Shelton State Community
College will take*

*precautionary and
preventative measures to
protect and maintain the
beauty and decorum of all
interior/exterior surfaces
of the new campus.*

RESPONSIBILITY:

*Implementation of this
policy is the responsibility
of the Vice President.*

GUIDELINES:

*1. Procedures to protect
and maintain
interior/exterior surfaces
will be developed by the
Director of Operations and
Maintenance/Security and
approved by the Vice
President.*

*2. The Director of
Operations and
Maintenance/Security will
communicate approved
procedures to all College
personnel.*

*The Harold I. James
Endowed Scholarship was
recently established by the
James family, and the
recipient, who will be
selected each year
beginning in 1997, will be
enrolled in one of the
college's technical
programs. If you would
like to make a donation to
the fund, please make your
check payable to the
Shelton State Foundation
% James Scholarship, 202
Skyland Boulevard,
Tuscaloosa, 35405. A
donor card will be sent to
the family in your name.*